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Weldon's Hysterical Propaganda

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With veteran Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) aging and visibly battered from ongoing cancer treatments, this on top of a previous bout with a brain tumor, his fellow Keystone State Republicans are angling to succeed him, pushing hard to win key support and campaign contributions from Pennsylvania's large and influential pro-Israel community, which boasts of its ability to "tip the balance" in state elections.

Rep. Curt Weldon has been the most audacious of all. Weldon has put his name on a hysterically titled book, containing an equally hysterical thesis, charging, as summarized by ***The Washington Post***, that Iran is hiding Osama bin Laden, is preparing terrorist attacks against the United States, has a crash program to build an atomic bomb and, as a Shiite country, is the chief sponsor of what is a largely Sunni-directed insurgency in Iraq.

Weldon's book, titled, ***Countdown to Terror: The Top- Secret Information that Could Prevent the Next Terrorist Attack on America . . . and How the CIA Has Ignored It***, is apparently based on information provided by a long-discredited Iranian exile, Fereidoun Mahdavi, whom, in the book, Weldon has given the moniker "Ali."

Even the most cursory read of the Weldon production sounds as though the allegations were lifted directly from the "playbook" used by the pro-Israel neo-conservative network to stoke up American fears of Saddam Hussein before the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Most of the "evidence" about Iraq's supposed arsenal of nuclear weapons of mass destruction—ostensibly aimed at New York, Miami and Beverly Hills, as well as every little village and hamlet in America—came from a corrupt and discredited Iraqi exile who was known for his trafficking with Israel's intelligence service, Mossad.

Now Weldon, along with his friends in the neo-conservative fear-mongering racket and their allies in the Israeli lobby, is trying to pump up public hysteria about Iran, using the same kind of propaganda based on agenda-driven sources.

However, because of his Senate ambitions and his fervent bid to curry favor with the pro-Israel community in his home state and nationwide, Weldon has thrown accuracy
out the window and appended his name to a volume that is nothing more than propaganda and disinformation.

And he has no shame in doing it.

Photograph of Curt Weldon
Caption: "Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) is angling for a new job

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